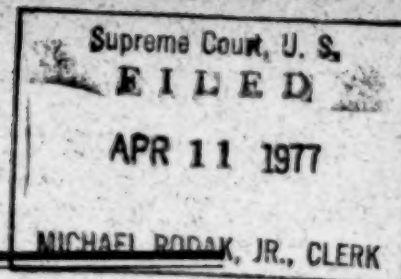


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The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed out of time. The judgment of the Court of Claims was entered on April 16, 1976. The time for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari was not extended and, accordingly, the 90-day period provided in 28 U.S.C. 2101(c) expired on July 15, 1976. The petition was filed on March 18 1977.

The time limit imposed by 28 U.S.C. 2101(c) is jurisdictional. *Toledo Scale Co. v. Computing Scale Co.*, 261 U.S. 399, 417-418. Accordingly, the petition should be denied.

Respectfully submitted.

WADE H. MCCREE, JR.,  
*Solicitor General.*

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